considered. The ISMA suggested that the buffer stock be largely pro-rated to all sugar factories based on the production achieved during the preceding sugar season (2001-02), while the NFCSF was of the view that the buffer stock be apportioned on the basis of stocks available with the factories. The South Indian Sugar Mills Association (SISMA) suggested the inclusion of exports, as "deemed" stock with the sugar factories.

2. It was decided in the light, *inter alia*, of the suggestions offered that 25% of the buffer stock would be apportioned on production basis, the balance 75% on the basis of stocks, as on 31st October, 2002, and that the quantity dispatched/lifted for exports would be taken as "deemed" stock. No further representation has been received from sugar mills/ Associations fo sugar mills in regard to the norms being applied in this behalf.

Electronic telephone exchanges in H.P.

*44. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the electronic telephone exchanges set up in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, district-wise;

(b) the details of the funds earmarked/disbursed/utilised, so far, for the said purpose during this period; and

(c) the details of the plan formulated for setting up of more electronic telephone exchanges in the State during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The district-wise details of electronic telephone exchanges set up in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years are given in the enclosed statement. (*see* below)

(b) The details of funds earmarked/disbursed/utilised so far for the said purpose during the last three years are given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Funds earmarked	Funds disbursed/utilized
1999-2000	128.82	130.43
2000-2001	143.35	184.73
2001-2002	168.24	267.52

(c) The development plans are finalised on an annual basis at the beginning of each financial year. It has been planned, subject to availability of resources, to set up 53 new electronic telephone exchanges during the year 2002-03 in Himachal Pradesh Telecom circle.

Statement

District-wise details of new electronic Telephone Exchanges set up during the last 3 years in H.P. Telecom circle.

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of New Electronic Telephone exchanges set up during the year			New exchanges planned
		1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-03
1	Bilaspur	5	2	3	3
2	Chamba	4	7	6	4
3	Hamirpur	1	1	9	2
4	Kangra	7	15	14	11
5	Kinnaur	5	2	3	1
6	Kullu	9	7	5	5
7	Lahaul-Spiti	6	1	8	5
8	Mandi	10	6	27	7
9	Shimla	4	9	15	4
10	Sirmour	4	7	8	6
11	Solan	6	9	17	5
12	Una	3	3	3	Nil
	TOTAL :	64	69	118	53